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SUBJECT: WCIWY - HANDLING NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATES

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1. EMBOFF SPOKE TO GONZALEZ GALVEZ MAY 2 AND PASSED ALONG PERTINENT AND HELPFUL INFO FROM REFTELS B AND C. GONZALEZ APPRECIATED DIFFICULTY IN GETTING ANY ACCURATE FIX ON NUMBERS OF NON-OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT SHOW UP BUT URGED THAT WE STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT IN HOPES THAT PICTURE WILL BEGIN TO EMERGE.

2. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, GONZALEZ WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT GOM "CONTINGENCY PLAN" FOR HANDLING NON-OFFICIAL OVERFLOW (OUTLINED IN MEXICO'S 3107) BE VERY CLOSELY HELD FOR TIME BEING. HIS FEAR WAS THAT PUBLICATION OF PROGRAM OF SEPARATE ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY GOM MIGHT (A) AROUSE RESENTMENT ON PART OF UN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFERENCE PROPER AS SOME SORT OF DISTRACTING SIDESHOW, AND (B) ATTRACT STILL MORE NON-OFFICIALS TO MEXICO CITY. GONZALEZ STRESSED THAT GOM HOPED TO KEEP PLAN UNDER WRAPS UNTIL NEEDED, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD PROCEED TO MAKE NECESSARY ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FACILITIES, ETC. HE ASKED THAT PERSONS IN USG ALREADY APPRISED OF IT TREAT IT WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIMILAR DISCRETION.

3. EMBOFF MENTIONED TO GONZALEZ THAT WE WERE ALSO TRYING TO DEVELOP OUR OWN PLAN FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION, HOSPITALITY, AND -- TO EXTENT POSSIBLE -- SUPPORT FOR U.S. NON-OFFICIALS. ALSO MENTIONED REPORT THAT EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN FUNDING FROM PRIVATE SOURCES TO SET UP SEPARATE CENTER FOR NON-OFFICIALS. EMBOFF NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE ALL STILL IN DARK AS TO DEGREE SUCH FACILITIES WILL BE NEEDED AND FEASIBLE. GONZALEZ SUGGESED WE MIGHT WANT TO KEEP OUR OWN "CONTINGENCY PLANS" UNDER WRAPS FOR TIME BEING, AS WELL AS GOM'S, UNTIL CLEARER PICTURE EMERGES. WE AGREED IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO COORDINATE CLOSELY ON THIS POINT FROM NOW ON, IN ORDER TO AVOID "CONTINGENCY" DUPLICATIONS.

4. COMMENT: GONZELEZ' WORRIES OVER SEPARATE GOM-SPONSORED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR NON-OFFICIALS SUGGEST HE MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR OUT ON THAT LIMB AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE. SUSPECT WE OUGHT NOT TO COUNT HEAVILY ON HIS CONTINGENCY PLAN.

5. EMBASSY IN ANY EVENT IS PREPARING TO ASSIST SEMI-OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATES ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA FIVE OF STATE REFTEL. WE HAVE IN MIND, FOR EXAMPLE, SETTING ASIDE LARGE PORTION OF GROUND FLOOR AREA OF EMBASSY AS "WCIWY CENTER" WHERE PRINTED INFORMATION, DOCUMENTS, COFFEE, AND PERHAPS CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO VISITORS. WE WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR SCHEDULED DAILY BRIEFINGS ON CONFERENCE'S PROGRESS BY MEMBERS OF OUR OFFICIAL DELEGATION, AND THESE INTERVIEWS MIGHT BE TAPED FOR RERUN THROUGHOUT THE DAY. (RE OTHER SUGGESTIONS SAME PARAGRAPH, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO LIMIT "HOSPITALITY" TO MATTERS SUBSTANTIVELY RELATED TO WCIWY RATHER THAN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE MERE ENTERTAINMENT OR INFO OF AN OVERLY GENERAL SORT.)

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS THAT PRIVATELY-FUNDED SEPARATE FACILITIES MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATES (PARA THREE, ABOVE). JOVA

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